

CA IPAC Subcommittee

Date: June 10th, 2009

In attendance:

Name	Tribe/Organization
Liz Mueller (phone)	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Betsy Tulee	CA, HQ
Nancy Dufraine	CA, HQ
Trudy Marcellay	Region 6, IPSS
Gayla Johnson	Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe
Jane Jorgenson	CA, HQ
Dennis Beardontwalk	Squaxin Island Tribe
Bernie Roberts (phone)	Nooksack Tribe
Tanya Pandowski	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
Robert Ludgate	Samish Tribe
Tome Tremaine	NW Justice Center
Monica Reeves	JRA, HQ
Lyn Craik	CA, HQ
Asia Goins	CA, HQ
Sandra Turner	CA, Region 1
Jennifer Yogi	NW Justice Center
LouAnn Carter	CA, Region 3

Next meeting: July 8th, 2009

Location: DSHS/OB2

Room: SL03 (in basement near cafeteria)
1115 Washington St.
Olympia, WA. 98504

Conference Call in number: 360-407-3780 pin number 402219#

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Agenda Item	Discussion
Announcements	<p>Congratulations to Dennis Beardontwalk. He has been accepted to and will attend Law School at the University of Montana in Missoula starting this fall.</p> <p>Nancy noted that a community meeting was held in Region 4 on June 8th regarding concerns about the status of the Office of Indian Child Welfare (Region 4). Currently a full review of CPS cases from the Office of Indian Child Welfare is being conducted. This will occur through the month of June. A follow up meeting will be held at the</p>

	<p>Duwamish Longhouse with tribes, CA, Indian Organizations and community members. Details will be forwarded once they are known.</p> <p>Rumors regarding closure of the OICW were inaccurate as were statements that the Region 3 ICW Units have been closed down. The Region 3 ICW Units are still intact in Bellingham, Mt. Vernon and Smokey Point.</p> <p>FAMLINK updates and clean up continues. Nancy continues to work on tribal access. There are issues around ICW applications in FAMLINK that need to be cleaned up and streamlined. ICW is not alone in this. Many areas in CA are at this same stage.</p> <p>CA is required to look at Private Agency access to ensure compliance with the federal legislation around 'Fostering Connections Act'. States are required to act in good faith in these discussions and must negotiate information and technology access for these agencies. Nancy will continue to advocate for tribal access in these same discussions.</p> <p>Discussions on Disproportionately and Guardianship will be tabled until July.</p>
<p>JRA</p> <p>Monica Reeves</p>	<p>JRA received our first response from a Tribe, which was initiated through the new Indian Heritage Questionnaire/Notification Form JRA uses to identify tribal affiliated youth.</p> <p>CJAA applications are due June 15th. Some tribes have requested extensions, and JRA is flexible if tribes need additional time. The CJAA contracts are for the 09-11 years to implement evidence-based programs with court-involved tribal youth.</p> <p>CJAA contracts will be awarded for \$9233 per year, as in past years.</p>
<p>ICW Case Review</p> <p>Lyn Craik And Asia Goins</p>	<p>The second ICW case review will be conducted by a blended team of reviewers comprised of tribal and Recognized American Indian Organization (RAIO) Indian Child Welfare representatives and State Indian Child Welfare representatives. At list of interested volunteers from tribes and RAIO's is currently being developed. We hope to have a pool of 25-35 trained volunteer reviewers. The CA staff who will be participating will be selected by their Regional Administrator. CA will cover the cost of the travel, motels and meals for tribes and RAIO's.</p> <p>Each case is reviewed by two people; one from the tribe/RAIO and one from the State to ensure we get both perspectives. If consensus can not be reached on a rating, the case will be staffed with the full group for discussion. The Case Review team will have staff on hand to facilitate the review and assist in the process.</p> <p>It is important that reviewers attend one of the training's listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 18, 2009 - West Seattle Training Center • August 25, 2009 - Moses Lake (Big Bend Community College) <p>Some flexibility can be made if needed for those who participated in the previous</p>

	<p>reviews.</p> <p>The dates and locations of the reviews are set for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week 1 September 14-17 Region 4 - West Seattle • Week 2 September 21-24 Region 1 - Spokane • Week 3 October 5-8 Region 3 – Everett • Week 4 October 12-15 Region 6 - Tumwater • Week 5 October 26-29 Region 2 – Yakima • Week 6 November 2-5 Region 5 - Tacoma <p>If you are interested in participating please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Mueller (360) 681-4628 lmueller@jamestowntribe.org • Nancy Dufraine (360) 902-7578 nadu300@dshs.wa.gov • Betsy Tulee (425) 673-3114 tube300@dshs.wa.gov • Lyn Craik (360) 805-3002 crly300@dshs.wa.gov
<p>Washington State Indian Child Welfare Act (WSICWA)</p> <p>SB 2106</p> <p>Liz Mueller</p>	<p>Tom Tremaine and Jennifer Yogi joined by conference call. They have been facilitating small group conference call meetings where the group is going through the WSICWA section by section. The next call will be Thursday June 19th. The next larger group call should occur in July.</p> <p>This Act is important as it may be able to have substantial impact in SB 2106; it should help to ensure private agencies and the State both comply with Indian Child Welfare laws and respect tribal sovereignty. Jennifer and Tom will continue to closely monitor 2106.</p> <p>Liz noted the Executive Committee for 2106 had a call to determine who should be on the Child Welfare Transformation Design Committee (Design Committee).</p> <p>Tribal delegates will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleen Anderson Colville Confederated Tribes Vice Chair • Henry Cagey, Lummi Nation Chairman • Liz Mueller, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Vice Chair, IPAC Chair • Jerry Meninick, Yakama Nation Human Services Deputy Director <p>Tribal Alternates will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Bray, IPAC Alternate, Chehalis Tribe • Helen Fenrich, IPAC Alternate, Tulalip Tribe • Gwen Gua, IPAC Alternate, South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency • Cheryl Miller, IPAC Alternate, Skokomish Tribe • Rebecca Peck, IPAC Alternate, Samish Tribe • Jolene Sullivan, IPAC Alternate, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe <p>Trudy Marcellay, DSHS, IPSS, will serve as Technical Assistant to Tribal Representatives</p> <p>The first meeting of the Design Committee will be June 30, in Olympia</p> <p>Nancy also noted that the WSICWA can also support work on SB 1472 regarding disproportionality.</p>

	<p>Nancy noted good news; she has seen much more ICW advocacy from CA staff from across different Programs especially in light of SB 2106.</p>
<p>Adolescent Services</p> <p>Juliette Knight</p>	<p>Adolescent Services: An update was given to IPAC on a meeting CA held May 14th and attended by Nancy Dufraine. The meeting purpose was to examine ways to better serve youth in independent living programs and to support their continued education. A vision was clearly set at the meeting to integrate programs where possible.</p> <p>The top three priorities identified at the meeting, in ranked order, were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combining contracts across programs 2. More housing resources; and 3. System accountability <p>CA plans to follow-up the initial meeting by convening workgroups to address the priorities set by the group.</p> <p>Overview of Services: An updated version was shared with meeting participants & the website www.independence.wa.gov as a resource was re-highlighted.</p> <p>ETV program: Information on this program was shared with IPAC, The Educational & Training Voucher program is part of the Chafee Foster Care Independence Act. Eligible youth can receive up to \$5,000 toward the cost of attendance. Youth who are or were placed in tribal out-of-home care are eligible to apply. For an application and more information on the program please refer to the Overview of Services or www.independence.wa.gov</p> <p>Adolescent Services: An update was given to IPAC on a meeting CA held May 14th and attended by Nancy Dufraine. The meeting purpose was to examine ways to better serve youth in independent living programs and to support their continued education. A vision was clearly set at the meeting to integrate programs where possible.</p> <p>The top three priorities identified at the meeting, in ranked order, were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Combining contracts across programs 5. More housing resources; and 6. System accountability <p>CA plans to follow-up the initial meeting by convening workgroups to address the priorities set by the group.</p> <p>Overview of Services: An updated version was shared with meeting participants & the website</p>

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